

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**  
**MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**  
**21 SEPTEMBER 2011**

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board members in attendance were:**                      **Board members not in attendance were:**

**Christine Benoit, DMD, Vice-Chairwoman**   **Craig VanDongen, DDS, Chairman**

**Henry Levin, DMD**      **Bernard Manchester**

**Joseph Box, DDS**      **Maureen Ross, RDH**

**Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS**

**Robert Bartro, DMD**

**Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary**

**Mary Lou Buonaccorsi**

**Staff members in attendance were:**   **Others in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator**   **Francis Connor, Jr., DDS, RIDA**

**Kelly Friel, RI Dental Assistants Association**      **Kristen Cusick, RIDHA**

**At this time, Dr. Benoit called for a motion to approve the Open**

**Minutes of 20 July 2011. Dr. Bartro advised the minutes should be amended to reflect the DMD dental degree of Dr. Tiffanie A Waldeck. Upon motion of Dr. Samartano seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.**

#### **Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure**

**Dr. Samartano reported the following Dental License/Permit(s) have been issued since the last meeting:**

##### **Dental Licenses**

**Chirag A. Patel, DDS Jean A. Resnevic, DDS**

**Michael Luu, DMD John E. Roberts, DDS**

**Jennifer Kuchar, DMD Kumi Ebihara, DMD**

**Gregory Barner, DMD Madhavi Vangala, DMD**

**Frank E. Givvons, DMD**

##### **Anesthesia Facility Permit:**

**Pediatric Dentistry- Dr. Craig Ellis**

##### **Individual Anesthesia Permit:**

**Matthew Downey, DMD Nitrous Oxide**

#### **Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure**

**Ms. Buonaccorsi reported the following dental hygienists have been licensed since the last meeting:**

##### **Dental Hygiene Licenses issued**

**Nicole Campopiano, RDH Fatina Hasukic, RDH**

**Holly Brouker, RDH Stephanie Henriques, RDH**

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**Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits issued since last meeting**

**Ramesh Sadeghi, RDH Leah L. Hart, RDH**

**Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permit**

**Kerri Janton, RDH Nicole Rainville, RDH Heather Barker, RDH**

**Kelly Souza, RDH Sarah Biron, RDH Kristen Kirby, RDH**

**Kristen L. Rossi, RDH Laurel Moravec, RDH Laura Witt, RDH**

**The Administrator reported that she had been advised by Mr. Dundulis that he amended Rules and Regulations will be officially filed with the Secretary of States Office on 26 September 2011 and will become effective towards the end of October.**

**Dr. Benoit provided members with an article regarding recent legislation that has been enacted in Michigan that provides civil immunity to retired dentists who provide care to the underserved. She advised that according to the ADA Department of State Government Affairs a growing number of states are giving their**

**dental boards the authority to license volunteer dentists who agree to donate their services to underserved populations.**

**At this time, Dr. Benoit, called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Samartano, the Board entered into closed session at 9:05 a.m.**

**Ms. Friel, Ms. Cusick, and Dr. Connor recused themselves from the meeting at this time.**

**The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:30 am.**

**Ms. Friel and Ms. Cusick returned to the meeting at this time.**

### **Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session**

**The following cases were closed with findings of No Unprofessional Conduct:**

**DEN 32-11, DEN 39-11, DEN 41-11, DEN 45-11, DEN 46-11**

### **Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes**

**The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 20 July 2011 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46**

**(1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Samartano, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of that meeting.**

**The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 19 October 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.**

**Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded, by Dr. Levin,, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator**

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